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As we discussed last Friday, attached is a proposed draft claim amendment to discuss during our call this afternoon. As indicated in the attached, in an attempt to further prosecution, we propose amending Claim to recite "steganographically encoding...plural-bit auxiliary data onto a substrate at a specific location out of a plurality of distinct locations on the substrate." I look forward to speaking with you.

Thanks.

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1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

using an electronic application program that cooperates with a multi-purpose electronic processor programmed for composing an electronic version of a document;

steganographically encoding, using at least a processor of a computer system, encoded with plural-bit auxiliary data onto a substrate at a specific location out of a plurality of distinct locations on the substrate, wherein the steganographically encoded plural-bit auxiliary data is substantially imperceptible to casual human inspection, but is detectable through normal ambient visible light imaging of the substrate document without a need to use of non-visible light lenses or filters, wherein and processing of image data thereby produced, in which the plural-bit auxiliary data is encoded such that decoding of the encoded plural-bit auxiliary data relies on a Fourier transform that produces data in which scale and rotation can be ignored, and wherein in which the plural-bit auxiliary data comprises or links to information regarding use of which limits the number of times the an electronic version of a the document that is placed onto the substrate may be accessed; and

storing, in a electronic or magnetic-memory of the computer system, at least a portion-some of the plural-bit auxiliary data in association with data identifying a location at which the electronic version of the document is stored.